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## NAIROBI

Nairobi, the third largest city in Africa, became the designate capital of Kenya in 1905. The city began as a treeless, swampy stretch of landscape with no human inhabitants but thousands of wild animals.

Railway engineers used the town as the base as they built the Uganda Railway and the city developed without much initial formal planning. In 1899 the first house was built for the chief Railway engineer, in 1901 the Railway club was formed, and by 1905 the Norfolk Hotel was under construction.

The most famous of the early pioneers was Baroness von Blixen, who lived on a coffee plantation on the outskirts of town from 1917 to 1931. Her story is immortalized by her book - and later the film - “Out of Africa”. Karen’s house is today a museum in the outer suburb called Karen after her.

In 1929, Mrs. Wilson, a 50-year old widow, flew to England from a small airstrip by Nairobi. Soon afterwards Wilson Airways was born – and the same strip is now the busy Wilson Airport.

Mzee Jomo Kenyatta “father of the nation” served as the country's first President when Kenya regained independence from the British in 1963. The international airport is named in his honor.

Today Nairobi is a bustling metropolis and the hub for safariers exploring Kenya’s vast game viewing regions. With world class restaurants, extensive shopping and its own national park, Nairobi has something for everyone.





## **SPECIALIST GUIDE IN NAIROBI**

### **Jonathan Moko**

The Africa Adventure Company has exclusive access to a very special local guide in Nairobi. We met him as a Maasai camp hand from Tortilis Camp who wanted to attend college. Upon acceptance, AAC covered his tuition and boarding for 4 years. We feel he is the perfect ambassador for Nairobi and the ideal person to personally escort our valued clients around the city. While his schedule may be limited during peak times, we will do our best to have him be your guide during your Nairobi city tour (\$50.00 per person x2).



## **UNIQUE EXPERIENCES**

### **DAPHNE SHELDRIK ELEPHANT ORPHANAGE**

The Elephant Nursery offers hope for any orphaned elephant fortunate enough to be found alive. It took Daphne Sheldrick 28 years of trial and error during the years that her husband, David, was Warden of Kenya's largest and most important elephant Sanctuary, Tsavo East National Park, to perfect the milk formula and complex husbandry necessary to rear the orphaned infant African elephants. Today, the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust is run by Angela Sheldrick and is proud to have saved what amounts to a herd; over 60 orphaned infant calves that would otherwise have perished. The elephants have all been relocated to Tsavo and are flourishing. *Reservations can be made up to three months in advance, spaces are limited.*

**Public Viewing** of the Elephant Nursery is at 11:00am daily - **\$200.00 per person**

**Private viewing** – Takes place at 9:00am (on request) or 3:00pm, guests will experience a personalized encounter with both the orphans and their keepers. 1-10 guests \$1500.00 (shared by the group) + \$100.00 pp park entry fee.

*(Please note – transfers will be additional fee if not part of the City Tour – approx \$170.00 vehicle)*



### **HALF or FULL DAY PRIVATE DRIVER and VEHICLE GO YOUR OWN WAY**

Enjoy the use of a vehicle and guide either for a half day or a full day to take you where and when you want to go.

Spend half the day visiting the Kitengela Glass experience, Karen Blixen Museum, Brown Cheese tasting tour, Tea farm tour and a lunch stop in Karen. Finish with shopping in the afternoon. The possibilities are endless – it's your day, your way! (Pick-up times can be personalized if you want to start touring a little bit later in the day). *Entrance fees, refreshments and meals are payable directly.*

**4 Hours**                      **\$160.00 per person** (based on 2 travelers)

**8 Hours**                      **\$210.00 per person** (based on 2 travelers)

### **KITENGELA HOT GLASS**

Anselm's Kitengela Glass is a glass blowing and art studio that was founded by Anselm Croze, a French artist who moved to Kenya in the early 1980s.

The studio specializes in producing a wide range of glass products, including glassware, jewelry, sculptures, and decorative items. The glass products are all handmade by skilled artisans using traditional glassblowing techniques, which makes each piece unique and one-of-a-kind.

Anselm's Kitengela Glass studio is open to visitors and you can watch the artisans at work and even try your hand at glassblowing themselves.

Enjoy a coffee at the outdoor seating areas (payable directly). Surround yourself in a secret garden of sculpture and furniture and living designs that enchant and inspire. Kitengela Hot Glass is not just a place or a product; it's an experience.

**Approximate hotel pick-up 8:00am / return to hotel 12:00pm**

**Cost: \$65.00 per person**



### **KIAMBETHU TEA FARM VISIT**

Kiambethu Tea Farm, located 30 km outside of Nairobi, is one of Kenya's oldest tea farms. The farm dates back to 1910 and the present house set amidst colorful gardens, has been home to four generations. A family run business, it is here where you get to enjoy a 'tea luncheon' with the owners Marcus and Fiona Mitchell

A visit to Kiambethu farm makes a memorable half day excursion and insight of the growing and making of tea.



Accompanied by the resident Kenyan guide, guests will take a short walk into the small indigenous forest and learn about the plants and how they were used traditionally and watch the Colobus monkeys and resident birds. Enjoy high tea served on the verandah with sweeping views across the tea fields to the Ngong Hills.

**Approximate hotel pick-up 10:00am / return to hotel 5:00pm**

**Cost: \$100.00 per person** (based on 2-6 people)

*Includes: Tea and homemade pastries.*



### **MUTHAIGA TEA COMPANY TEA TASTING**

Muthaiga Tea Company is a proud woman owned enterprise. The company was founded to showcase the artistry of African tea making. All Muthaiga teas are sourced from small holder farmers in Africa who encourage women entrepreneurship and support their local communities.

A private loose leaf tea tasting with cake and treats can be arranged for a min of 6 guests and a maximum of 10 guests. The tea tasting takes place in a private house in Gigiri and is a journey of discovery of unique loose leaf tea blends from around East Africa.

**Approximate hotel pick-up 10:30am / return to hotel 1:30pm**

**Cost: \$TBA.00 per person**



## **HALF-DAY LUXURY SHOPPING EXCURSION**

Shopping in Nairobi is exciting and offers a diverse array of local crafts as well as world class collectible artwork. We have included details of some wonderful studios, galleries and shops that will delight you (see following page). All are located in or near the suburb of Karen. *Please advise your guide which shop or gallery you would be interested in visiting. [Half-day or full day private vehicle charges will apply \(page 4\).](#)*

*Glass and Beads: Visit Kitengela, and shopping at Sandstorm Leather & Utamaduni, House of Treasure and Safari Bronze, Kazuri Beads, Langata Link,*

\* **Utamaduni** is a popular shopping venue located in a former house in the suburb of Karen. The unique shop opened its doors over 20 years ago and it has established itself as destination for African crafts from across Kenya. Wood carvings, bronzes, antiques, jewelry, textiles and souvenirs are displayed in 19 separate rooms. There is a café and playground for children. Open daily 9:00am – 6:00pm.

[www.utamadunicraftshop.com](http://www.utamadunicraftshop.com)

\* **Kazuri**, meaning “small and beautiful” in Swahili, was founded in 1975 by Lady Susan Wood. Beginning with two African women, it grew when Susan discovered there were many women in villages around Nairobi who were in need of regular employment. The hand-painted ceramic beads are featured in necklaces and bracelets and proceeds help fund the health clinic for its employees. Beautiful glazed pottery has recently been added to the Kazuri gallery.

Hours: Monday-Saturday 8:30am-6:00pm, Sunday (only the shop open) 9:00am-5:00pm.

[www.kazuri.com](http://www.kazuri.com)



\* **Anna Trzebinski** - For the past 20 years Anna has been building an Artisanal luxury lifestyle brand out of Kenya and has been her life's passion. Through the support of loyal clientele and friends, Anna's collection pieces have become well known abroad. Each piece is individually handmade, using only the finest raw materials. Anna offers a unique collection of exquisite and one-of-a-kind creations, collectables and experiences and includes garments and a range of accessories such as leather bags to beaded sandals. Anna offers a high-end, luxury shopping experience.

Located at Eden Hemingways - [www.annatrzebinski.com](http://www.annatrzebinski.com)

\* **Matt Bronze** is an exciting and unique gallery for anyone interested in wildlife sculpture. The wonderful bronze pieces vary from life-size crocodiles to miniature elephants and birds. There is a coffee bar and café where you can enjoy a drink in the gardens. Open Mon-Fri 8:00am – 5:00pm; Saturday 8:00am-5:30pm; Sunday 9:30am-5:30pm [www.matbronze.com](http://www.matbronze.com)

\* **House of Treasures** is a one-stop shop in the heart of Karen, offering a range of architectural pieces, indoor/, outdoor & kids furniture, home decor and household accessories ranging from mirrors, lighting, bed linen & throws, carpets, glassware, crockery, artificial flowers, art & photography, curtains & tie-backs, tablecloths & place mats, fabric - ladies, men's and children's fashion & fashion accessories, jewelry, Christmas decorations (seasonal), silverware, African artefacts as well as soft, wooden & creative educational toys.

House of Treasures also has an onsite idyllic café offering snacks for a light lunch and even have a small playground for children. Inside tip: The Mama Rocks Burger food van stationed at House of Treasures is known to serve some of the best burgers in town

[www.houseoftreasureskenya.com](http://www.houseoftreasureskenya.com)

\* **Dignity Designs** is a fair trade business that employs the mothers whose children attend the Heshima Children Center. These children have special needs and the center provides them with special education or physical, occupational or speech therapy. While the children attend therapy, the moms work at Dignity Designs and create hand-crafted jewelry and textile products. Using West African beads, cow bone beads, recycled brass beads, the pieces are unique and striking. Visit their gift shop at the Heshima Children's Center. Open Monday-Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm.

<http://www.heshima.org/dignity-designs.html>



## HALF DAY TOURS

### HALF-DAY “ELEPHANTS AND GIRAFFE” TOUR

Pick up from your hotel and visit the Giraffe Centre, where the highly endangered Rothschild giraffe lives in peace. With an elevated viewing and feeding platform. Interact carefully with these gentle giants and learn more about them from the rangers positioned around the center.

Following this, depart at 10.15 to Sheldrick Wildlife Trust situated on the outskirts of Nairobi (driving time differs subject to your hotel location). The Sanctuary is run by Angela Sheldrick and is set in the grounds of her late mother's, Dame Daphne Sheldrick's, house. An opportunity to view the orphaned wildlife and meet the people who handle and care for them. It's an interesting excursion and the team who run the orphanage are always willing to spend time answering any questions guests may have. Upon completion, return to hotel or city centre by approx. 12.45 hrs (lunch is not included). Visiting times are limited to approximately one hour and are between 11:00hrs and 12:00 hrs daily.

**Approximate hotel pick-up 8:30am / return to hotel 12:45pm Cost: \$220.00 per person**





### **HALF DAY “OUT OF AFRICA” TOUR**

This tour combines Karen Blixen Museum with the Giraffe Center.

Begin at the Karen Blixen Museum, which was once the centerpiece of a farm at the foot of the Ngong Hills owned by Danish Author Karen and her Swedish Husband, Baron Bror von Blixen Fincke. Located 10km from the city center, the Museum belongs to a different time period in the history of Kenya. The farm house gained international fame with the release of the movie ‘Out of Africa’ an Oscar winning film based on Karen’s an autobiography by the same title. Enjoy the Brown Cheese tasting tour nearby at 11:30am.

Continue to the Giraffe Center, a non-profit organization founded by in 1979 in an effort to save the endangered Rothschild giraffe. Having lost their habitat in Western Kenya to agriculture, there were only about 130 left in the wild. The sanctuary is an environmental education center where you are able to feed the fully grown giraffes from a raised platform. It’s an experience you will never forget! For those who want the personal experience - you can choose to stay at Giraffe Manor.

**Approximate hotel pick-up 8:30am or 2:00pm / return to hotel 12:30pm or 6:00pm**

**Cost: \$110.00 per person**



### **HALF-DAY NAIROBI NATIONAL PARK VISIT**

Nairobi National Park was established in 1946 and was the first national park in Kenya. It is located approximately 4 miles south of Nairobi’s city center, with only an electric fence separating the park's wildlife from the metropolis. Nairobi's skyscrapers are visible from the park. The park boasts a large and varied wildlife population including migrating herbivores during the dry season and is one of Kenya’s most successful rhino sanctuaries.

The visit includes a half-day private guide and vehicle and game drive through the park. *(Please note that due to time constraints we do not recommend combining this tour with other Nairobi-based activities.)*

**Cost: \$215.00 per person** (based on 2-6 people)





### **NAI NAMI STORYTELLING TOUR**

Nai Nami is a social enterprise organization that offers street tours in Nairobi, Kenya. The organization employs former street youth who act as tour guides and share their experiences of living on the streets of Nairobi with visitors.

The Nai Nami Street Tour takes visitors on a walking tour through some of Nairobi's informal settlements, where they can learn about the daily lives of the residents and gain an insight into the challenges faced by the urban poor in Kenya. The tour includes visits to community projects and local businesses, as well as interactions with residents and local children.

The Nai Nami Street Tour also explores the history and architecture of Nairobi, including landmarks such as the Nairobi Railway Museum and the City Hall. The tour concludes with a visit to a traditional African restaurant, where visitors can sample Kenyan cuisine and enjoy cultural performances.

Overall, the Nai Nami Street Tour provides visitors with an immersive and authentic experience of Nairobi's vibrant street culture while also supporting a local social enterprise that empowers former street youth.

**Approximate hotel pick-up 9:00am / return to hotel 4:30pm**

**Group walking tour - Cost: \$80.00 per person** (join other visitors on the walking tour)

**Private walking tour – Cost \$125.00 per person**



### **HALF-DAY BOMAS OF KENYA**

Bomas of Kenya a cultural center located in Langata, which provides visitors with an opportunity to experience the diverse cultures of Kenya's different ethnic groups.

At the Bomas of Kenya, enjoy traditional dances, songs, and other cultural activities performed by members of different communities. There are several "bomas" or traditional homesteads that are designed to represent the architectural styles of various Kenyan tribes, including the Kikuyu, Luo, Kalenjin, Maasai, and others. Visitors can explore these bomas and learn about the traditional lifestyles, customs, and beliefs of these communities.

Shop in the craft market where you can purchase traditional handicrafts such as beadwork, carvings, and textiles. There is also a museum on site that showcases Kenyan history and culture.

Overall, the Bomas of Kenya experience provides an excellent opportunity to learn about and appreciate the diverse cultures of Kenya.

**Approximate hotel pick-up 12:00pm or 2:00pm / return to hotel 5:30pm or 7:00pm**

**Cost: \$65.00 per person**

## **FULL DAY TOURS**

### **BEST OF NAIROBI**

Depart to visit the Giraffe Centre, where the endangered Rothschild giraffe lives in peace. With an elevated viewing and feeding platform. Interact carefully with these gentle giants and learn more about them from the rangers positioned around the center.

Depart to Sheldrick Wildlife Trust situated on the outskirts of Nairobi. It's an interesting excursion and the team who run the orphanage are always willing to spend time answering any questions guests may have. Upon completion, return to hotel or city center by approximately 12.45 hrs. Visiting times are limited to approximately one hour and are between 11:00hrs and 12:00 hrs daily.

Proceed to Tamarind Brasserie which is a beautiful garden restaurant for a relaxed lunch (excludes drinks) before heading to the Karen Blixen Museum.

The Karen Blixen Museum is housed in the main house of the farm, which was built in 1912. The museum displays various artifacts and memorabilia that belonged to Karen Blixen, including her furniture, personal items, and photographs. Visitors can also explore the house and its grounds, which have been preserved to reflect the colonial-era architecture and landscape.

Arrive back at your hotel or the city center late afternoon.

**Approximate hotel pick-up 9:00am / return to hotel 4:30pm**

**Cost: \$270.00 per person**

### **MUSEUMS AND CULTURAL SITES OF NAIROBI**

Nairobi National Museum, Railway Museum and the Bomas of Kenya tour is a perfect blend of history and culture. On this trip you will sample iconic specialty museums that are characterized with a rich history, the Museums carry the Kenyan identity and heritage that enables guests to understand Kenya's past and present cultural, political, and natural position, including an overview of the abundant wildlife and birds to be found within our boundaries.

You will also have a chance to visit the Snake Park located next to the Nairobi National Museum before proceeding to the Railway Museum. The Nairobi Railway Museum showcases the history of the railway system in Kenya. The museum is situated in the old railway headquarters building, which was built in 1926.

The museum houses a collection of artifacts and exhibits related to the history of the railway system in Kenya, including locomotives, carriages, and other equipment used in the construction and operation of the railway.

Thereafter proceed for lunch at Carnivore Restaurant (excludes drinks).

After lunch visit the Bomas of Kenya a cultural center located in Langata, which provides visitors with an opportunity to experience the diverse cultures of Kenya's different ethnic groups.

Return to your hotel late in the afternoon.

**Approximate hotel pick-up 8:30am / return to hotel 5:00pm**

**Cost: \$170.00 per person**

## **DINING IDEAS IN NAIROBI**

### **Cultiva**

Frequently described as “rustic fine dining,” Cultiva is a welcomed restaurant in the Nairobi dining scene. The chef is from Ecuador and those South American influences can be felt throughout the food, such as fresh seafood ceviche. Located in the suburb of Karen, Cultiva’s menu changes according to what is ripe on the farm. The dishes are flavorful and beautifully presented.

**Avg. Cost: \$35.00 (per person, 2 courses, excluding drinks and hotel transfers)**

### **Boho Eatery**

This is one of Nairobi’s top vegan restaurants and focuses on clean living and clean eating. The menu offers options for veggies and meat-eaters but Boho Eatery is all about proving the vegan food can be flavorful and exciting. The charming restaurant is tucked away in a garden in Karen and serves delightful lunch or dinner.

**Avg. Cost: \$20.00 per person (per person, 2 courses, excluding drinks and transfers to/from hotel)**

### **Tamarind Brasserie**

Tamarind Brasserie is located in a beautiful peaceful setting off Ngong Road, near the Karen Shopping Center. The menu features a variety of dishes including seafood, African, continental and bar-b-que.

**Avg. Cost: \$35.00 (per person, 2 courses, excluding drinks and hotel transfers)**

### **Talisman Restaurant and Bar**

The Talisman Restaurant and Bar is situated in the heart of the leafy suburbs of Karen, Nairobi. Originally a quaint 1920’s mud and wattle bungalow with a tin roof, it overlooks a beautiful, large garden with a sweeping lawn and mature trees. The Talisman has grown into a lively and popular place to go for both locals and visitors alike. The food at The Talisman fare has evolved into an exciting fusion of Oriental, Indian, Thai and Japanese main dishes, with a tempting selection of starters, and a delicious range of deserts to round off your meal.

**Avg. Cost: \$70.00 (per person, based on 2 courses, excluding drinks and hotel transfers)**

### **The Brasserie (Hemingways Nairobi)**

Hemingways’ Brasserie serves European classics with a twist. The chef focuses on simply cooked free-range products sourced directly from Kenyan farms. The feature of the Brasserie is the Josper oven - this indoor barbecue is the only one of its kind in Kenya, specially imported by Hemingways to produce the best steaks. Staples of the Brasserie menu include steak tartar, bouillabaisse and omelette au choix. The menu also features lobster, prawn or crab cocktails and fish and chips served on a board in a mini fryer basket.

**Avg. Cost: \$60.00 (per person, based on 2 courses, excluding drinks and hotel transfers)**

### **About Thyme**

About Thyme, located in the Westlands neighborhood of Nairobi, is a little slice of heaven with great outdoor dining set in beautiful gardens. The varied menu offers you a culinary journey through Africa, Asia and Europe and some great cocktails! Open Tuesday to Sunday, serving lunch, dinner and weekend brunch.

**Avg. Cost: \$35.00 (for dinner per person, based on 2 courses, excluding drinks and hotel transfers)**



## **BALLOONING OVER THE MAASAI MARA**

Awake between 4:30am-5:30am in the morning with steaming hot coffee and tea brought to your room. Depart between 5:00-6:00am for a short game drive to where the hot-air balloons are being filled. Moments later, lift above the plains of the Maasai Mara for the ride of a lifetime. Silently viewing game from the perfect vantage point, you brush the tops of giant acacia trees for close-up views of birds' nests and baboons. Most animals took little notice, but somehow the hippos know you are there. Maybe it was our shadow or the occasional firing of the burners necessary to keep us aloft.

The pilot is entertaining and knowledgeable of the ecosystem you fly over, and points out a variety of large birds flying along side you, and plains game, and perhaps a lion or cheetah. You may have the opportunity to see part of the Great Migration from the air — an awesome sight indeed!

The return to earth is an event in itself. About an hour after lift-off, the pilot will make a perfect crash landing. By the way, all landings are crash landings, so just follow your pilot's instructions and join in the fun. Minutes later, a champagne breakfast appears on the open savannah within clear view of herds of wildebeest, buffalo and zebra. Your return to camp is another exciting game drive.

**Cost: From \$495.00 per person**

*\*\*There may be additional Travel Protection Premium of up to \$11 per person for the Travelex Adventure Sports Upgrade based on your state of residence. Please contact our office for updated plan cost.*



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